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SUBJ: G'BAKPOMA, GE AND THE GOG

REF: LIBREVILLE 1278; LIBREVILLE 1292

1. OCTRA ECONOMIST UNGARAN INFORMED EMBOFF THAT OCTRA RECEIVED CALL FROM PRESIDENCY OCTOBER 18 STATING GOG HAS ADVERSE INFORMATION CONCERNING GE LOCAL REP G'BAKPOMA'S DEALINGS IN OTHPW PARTS OF CENTRAL AFRICA. (COMMENT: PRESUMABLY THIS IS THE SAME INFORMATION ABOUT WHICH EMBASSY, USDOC AND DE ALREADY AWARE.) UNGARAN WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE EFFECTS THIS MIGHT HAVE ON GE CONTRACT AND EXIM FINANCING (G'BAKPOMA CARRIED LETTER TO GE--LIBREVILLE 1278--AND TO EXIM VP GLICK--LIBREVILLE 1292--FROM OCTRA). UNGARAN ALSO WORRIED ABOUT FUTURE RELATIONS WITH GE, STATING THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT IF G'BAKPOMA RETURNED TO GABON HE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER COUNTRY.

2. EMBOFF SUCCEEDED IN ALLAYING UNGARAN AND OCTRA' FEARS BY POINTING OUT THAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH BOTH GE AND EXIM AND THEY WERE BOTH WELL AWARE OF OCTRA'S DECISION TO PURCHASE SIX GE LOCOMOTIVES AND

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ITS DESIRE TO EXIM FINANCING. REGARDING G'BAKPOMA,

EMBOFF STATED BOTH USG AND GE WERE AWARE OF HIS PAST DEALINGS, BUT THAT GE HAD DECIDED TO RETAIN G'BAKPOMA ANYWAY, AND IN EMBOFF'S OPINION G'BAKPOMA HAD DONE SATISFACTORY JOB. IN ANY EVENT, GE RELATIONSHIP WITH OCTRA WAS CHANGING TO MORE TECHNICAL ONE NOW THAT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO PURCHASE LOCOMOTIVES AND EMBOFF DOUBTED WHETHER GE WOULD USE G'BAKPOMA FOR ITS TECHNICAL DEALINGS WITH OCTRA.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT USDOC PASS GIST OF ABOVE TO GE AND DETERMINE (A) WHETHER G'BAKPOMA HAS DELIVERED LETTER FROM MASSON TO GE COMMUNICATING OCTRA LOCOMOTIVE DECISION AND (B) WHETHER GLICK STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED LETTER FROM OCTRA ALSO CARRIED BY G'BAKPOMA (STATE 230279 JUST RECEIVED) AND WHETHER GE KNOWS WHERE THIS LETTER IS.
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